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**For: FLUIDS FOR USE IN OILFIELD DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING DEACETYLATED XANTHAN GUM AND AT LEAST ONE COMPOUND INCREASING THE IONIC STRENGTH OF THE MEDIUM**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 and NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of March 13, 2001.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant a three-month extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action in the above-identified application, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-1171 the amount of **\$890.00** to cover the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(a).

Applicants also hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeal and Interferences from

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the decision of the primary Examiner of March 13, 2001, finally rejecting claims 22-28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 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